New nursing school facility made possible by Kennedy Foundation Grant

Pleased with the design for the new School of Nursing are: (l.-r.) Miss Ellen D. Howland, Director of the School, Mrs. Janie G. Chapman, Assistant Director of the School, and Miss Joan Randle, Associate Director of the School.

The New England Deaconess Hospital has been granted permission to build a new facility for its school of nursing on the corner of Longwood Avenue and the Riverway. The Public Health Council on January 15, 1974 voted to issue NEDH a certificate of need for construction of an educational and residential facility with space for classrooms, faculty offices, a library, and student housing. The facility will be named in memory of Audrey K. Kennedy, a good friend and benefactor of the Deaconess Hospital.

To obtain its certificate of need the hospital had to receive approval from the Health Planning Council of Greater Boston which investigates the need for new facilities from a local standpoint. Approval also had to be obtained from the Massachusetts Office of Comprehensive Health Planning which reviews projects from a state perspective. Upon the recommendations of both of these boards, the Massachusetts Public Health Council granted NEDH the final sanction.

The need for a new school facility has existed for a number of years. Harris Hall, the present site of the School of Nursing, was constructed in 1913 and enlarged in 1927. Its advanced age, outmoded facilities, and inadequate space are not in keeping with progressive teaching methods and the spacious, modern living quarters that the school would like to provide. The NEDH School of Nursing has enjoyed an excellent reputation throughout the years and Deaconess graduates are welcomed wherever they go. A new up-to-date facility should do much to hold and attract the qual-

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Martin E. Cernek named chaplain

The Reverend Martin E. Cernek has been named chaplain of the New England Deaconess Hospital, having been associate chaplain since he came to the Deaconess in July of 1972. Sixteen of his twenty years in the ministry have been concentrated in hospital work.

From the Adirondack region in New York, Chaplain Cernek attended Gettsburg College, Pa., and received a B.A. in Psychology.

"My inspiration for institutional ministry came while I was a junior at college. My class visited a mental hospital and I knew then that I would like to serve as an institutional pastor," recalls Chaplain Cernek.

He followed his inspiration and went to the Boston University School of Theology, where he received his divinity degree. For three years he was the associate pastor of the First Methodist Church in Pittsfield before being certified by the American Protestant Hospital Association College of Chaplains.

His introduction to institutional ministry came with his appointment as coordinating institutional chaplain for the Church Federation of Greater Dayton, Ohio. He served three general hospitals, developed a ministry in rest and nursing homes, and developed a pastoral counseling center.

Other hospital experiences came from his position as chaplain at the Bethesda Hospital in Cincinnati, and as a chaplain intern at Fulton State Hospital in Fulton, Missouri. Before his arrival at the Deaconess, Mr. Cernek was chaplain for seven years at the LaRue D. Carter Memorial Hospital, Indianapolis, a treatment, teaching, and research center for people with acute psychological disturbances. Besides the ministry of pastoral care, he initiated a clinical pastoral education program for the clergy and theological students. In 1969 he was certified as a chaplain supervisor for this type of program by the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education.

Chaplain Martin E. Cernek

This spring Chaplain Cernek will be initiating the first clinical pastoral education program at NEDH. Theological students and clergy will obtain their clinical experience in the ministry by spending three months at the Deaconess. They will be interacting with patients, peers, and the medical staff. Eventually this program will evolve into an internship.

Chaplain Cernek feels the need to develop a close working relationship with the special areas of the Deaconess, such as the observation unit, stoma clinic, radiation therapy, hospital teaching unit, and the renal transplant unit, in addition to counseling the hospital community and participating in religious services.

Chaplain Cernek stresses, "The chaplain's primary focus is on pastoral care to patients, but he also works with employees, students — all people in the hospital community."

His increased responsibilities demand much of his time. When he has some free time, he likes to fish, golf, work around the house, and relax with his wife, Lynn, a sixth grade teacher in Westwood, and 15-year-old son Marty at their home in Norwood.

The guard dog and his handler keep a watchful eye on the Deaconess.

Guard dog increases security

NEDH has employed the services of a guard dog to patrol the perimeter of the hospital every evening from 5 P. M. to 1 A.M. in an attempt to deter crime in this area. The dog and his handler will patrol the exteriors of all Deaconess buildings but will not be allowed to enter any medical care facility. They will be available

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PROFILE: Dean Annis

You can tell when Dean Annis is in his office as soon as you open the door to 25 Autumn Street. If the aroma of Borkum Riff tobacco fills the air, he's in, busy at the job of being the hospital's controller.

"My father used to smoke a pipe. We used to walk along the railroad track — our favorite place to walk — and the aroma from his pipe was just exhilarating," he reminisces. The briar pipes Mr. Annis smokes are now his trademark.

He went to Bentley College, then worked as an accountant at Webster McCann for five years. He was responsible for audits of banks and all non-profit clients, including three hospitals and three educational institutions. One of his hospital clients was the Deaconess.

He was hired by NEDH in 1960 to manage data processing. There was no computer at the time, just key punched cards and unit record tabulator machines.

In 1962 he was promoted to assistant to Mr. Richard E. Lee, who was controller at the time. A second promotion came in three years when he was appointed assistant controller, and another promotion came in 1967. He was then named to his current position as controller. With each of these promotions has come increased responsibilities.

"These days my primary concern is trying to interpret the many regulations coming from the United States government and Massachusetts regulatory agencies," comments Mr. Annis.

Most of his days are taken up by meetings. He attends administrative staff meetings three mornings a week, and is on a number of task force groups which also meet regularly.

"When I come back here (his office) I do the usual management things," he joked. "I do a lot of reading — annual reports, regulations, other reports."

He also prepares proposed budgets for the budget committee, proposes financial plans of action to administration, and is responsible for cost control.

"Providing more funds for better patient care without losing money — it's a challenge and a half," says Mr. Annis, as he puffs on his pipe.

Mr. Annis is never without his pipe or his sense of humor. He is very candid, always with a smile on his face.

Outside of his responsibilities at the hospital, Mr. Annis is involved in a number of committees. He belongs to BOTHFO, Boston Teaching Hospitals Financial Offices, a group which meets informally to discuss current regulations, potential financial problems of teaching hospitals, budgets, cost and salary increases, and how to comply with the economic stabilization act. He is a member of the Harvard Medical School/Affiliated Hospitals Controllers group which investigates research overhead on grants performed at various hospitals but administered by the Harvard Medical School. Mr. Annis is a past president of the Massachusetts Hospital Financial Management Association, an educational organization to keep members aware of information affecting hospital finances.

Away from the demands of his office, Mr. Annis likes to switch into a more leisurely lifestyle, switching tobacco blends as well. At his home in Quincy he selects one of his 14 pipes, usually a Meerschaum pipe, and relaxes with MacBaren's Golden Extra, his favorite brand of tobacco.

He is a family man and enjoys activities with his wife Dorothy and three children, Sheryl, 12, Dean, Jr., 9, and Douglas, 4. In warmer weather they go camping in their 14-foot tent trailer, often to their favorite spot on Sebago Lake in North Windham, Maine. What they enjoy most about these trips is the evening campfire and the opportunity to rough it. Mr. Annis enjoys a chance to do some fresh water fishing, although he prefers deep sea fishing.

"We would like to take off for Nickerson Park at the Cape in the spring — if there's enough gas to get to the Cape this year," Mr. Annis chuckled at a situation that needs to be taken with a sense of humor.

Dean Annis

The Annis family is very active in the summer. In the winter it's another story, especially for Mr. Annis.

"In winter I hibernate in the hospital and at home, except when it snows and then I get to do a little shoveling for exercise," he says.

With the large amount of winter weather Boston has had so far, Mr. Annis will most likely be found hibernating at 25 Autumn Street with a briar pipe, aroma of Borkum Riff drifting through the halls.

Patients and employees who have found it difficult to concentrate to the tune of construction may be interested in knowing what went on behind all the noise. A diesel impact hammer, guided by iron workers, has been driving sheathing piles deep into the ground. These piles had to be driven around the entire site to permit excavation of the lower two floors of the new clinical laboratory facility. But there is a deeper meaning than just excavation and noise. As one of our lab personnel stated, "We think of it as the fetal heartbeat of our new laboratory building."

Doctors doings

Dr. Thomas J. Anglem and **Dr. Robert E. Leber,** general surgery, published the article, "Operable Breast Cancer: The Case Against Conservative Surgery," in the November - December 1973 issue of *A Cancer Journal for Clinicians.*

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Dr. Robert F. Bradley, Jr., internal medicine, lectured on "Coronary Disease and Diabetes Mellitus" at Newton-Wellesley Hospital, Newton, on November 17.

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Dr. Robert W. Cali, gynecology, published the article "Operations for Sterilization of the Female" in the April 1973 issue of *Surgical Clinics of North America.* On October 18 he became a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. He attended a district meeting of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology held in Acapulco, Mexico on October 28 - November 4.

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Dr. A. Richard Christlieb, internal medicine, lectured on "Diabetes and Hypertension" at the Georgia Heart Association on September 21 in Atlanta. He gave a presentation entitled "Renin and Vascular Disease" at the American Heart Association in Atlantic City on November 10. Dr. Christlieb also published an article, "Diabetes and Hypertensive Vascular Disease: Mechanisms and Treatment," in the *American Journal of Cardiology,* September 20. He was admitted to the Medical Advisory Board of the Council for High Blood Pressure Research of the American Heart Association in Cleveland on October 20.

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Dr. Melvin E. Clouse, radiology, gave the presentation "Angiography versus Pancreatography in the Diagnosis of Carcinoma of the Pancreas" at the Radiological Society of North America on November 27 in Chicago.

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Dr. James A. Gregg, gastroenterology, gave a presentation entitled "Endoscopic Pancreatography and Aid in the Diagnosis of Pancreatic Cancer" at the American Gastroenterological Association on May 25 in New York City. He published "Endoscopic Pancreatography: An Aid in the Diagnosis of Pancreatitis" in *Gastroenterology,* May 1973. In the May 1973 issue of the *American Journal of Gastroenterology* he published "Gastric Cancer." He also published "Endoscopic Pancreatocholangiography" in the *American Journal of Digestive Diseases,* August 1973.

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Dr. Harold D. Levine, cardiology, lectured on "Myocardial Fibrosis in Constructive Pericarditis" at the Medical Polyclinic at the University of Bologna, Bologna, Italy, on October 17.

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Dr. Wilford B. Neptune, thoracic surgery, gave a presentation entitled "Surgical Management of Coronary Vascular Disease" at the New England Surgical Society on September 28 at Wentworth-by-the-Sea, New Hampshire. He gave the lecture "Current Problems in Pulmonary Diseases" at the Boston College School of Nursing on October 30.

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Dr. Jiri Palek, hematology and internal medicine, lectured on "Calcium Accumulation During Sickling of Hemoglobin S (HbSS) Red Cells"

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Some very good years

There have been some very good years for 45 Deaconess employees. These employees gave the hospital a total of 325 years of service and were honored at a luncheon held February 6 at the Riverway Restaurant, also attended by members of administration and department heads.

20 years

Flanked by Director Richard E. Lee (l.) and Executive Vice President R. D. Lowry, Mr. Raymond Dix, administration, receives his 20-year service award pin. Miss Johanna E. Dwyer, nursing service, another recipient of a 20-year service award pin, could not attend the luncheon.

10 years

Ten-year service award recipients were: (standing l.-r.) Director Richard E. Lee. Mrs. Virginia A. Provost, surgical services; Miss Caroline C. DeBernardo, histology; Mr. Spiros Thomas, pharmacy services; Mrs. Helen E. Brockman, School of Nursing; Mrs. Mary Misho, blood bank; and Executive Vice President R. D. Lowry; (sitting l.-r.) Mrs. Alice A. Caputo, surgical services; Mrs. Winnie C. Powers, building services; Mrs. Baiba S. Ozols, Mrs. Gloria L. Polan, chemistry; and Mrs. Margaret E. Cronin, nursing service. Those who could not attend the luncheon were: Mr. James Barrows, Mr. Charles DeBoise, building services; Mrs. Martha Neeley, nursing service; and Miss Juanita Y. Howell, surgical service.

5 years

Five-year service award recipients were: (standing l.-r.) Director Richard E. Lee; Mr. Paul Sears, diagnostic radiology; Miss Carolyn Wilson, ambulatory services; Mr. William Burns, booking; Mrs. Maria Elena Musus, surgical services; Mr. Robert Kitchin, building services; and Executive Vice President R. D. Lowry; (sitting l.-r.) Mrs. Soeurette A. Desire, surgical services; Mrs. Mavis Braithwaite, nursing service; Mrs. Maruditsa Mitsiu, blood bank; Miss Rosylin Anderson, nursing service; and Mrs. Ann Sidell, accounting. Those who could not attend the luncheon were: Mr. John Valleli, accounting; Mrs. Nancy J. Shenck, administrative service; Mrs. Helen Barrett, Mr. Donald MacDonald, building services; Miss Paula Curran, Mr. Norris Fleming, Miss Edwina James, dietary; Mrs. Barbara A. Driscoll, Miss Maria Durant, Mrs. Anne M. Pariselli, Miss Margaret K. Sepples, Miss Velma Sheffield, Mrs. Isabell A. Wideman, nursing service; Miss Eileen MacDonald, service coordination; and Mrs. Catherine B. Comstock, systems.

15 years

Congratulating Mr. George Carrington (l.), central supply, and Mr. William Flatley (r.), booking, for 15 years of service are Director Richard E. Lee (far left) and Executive Vice President R. D. Lowry (far right).

Employee health center: a place for all ills

Discussing treatment for some of the 40 to 80 patients who come daily to the health clinic are: (l.-r.) Mrs. Karen Bithell, R.N., Mrs. Anne Pariselli,, R.N., and Dr. Fouad Z. Hamawy.

Got a cold? Got a fever? Headache, sore throat, or just plain worry — the employee health center exists to service these ills and take care of dozens more.

The health clinic is now located on Deaconess 2, after moving in January from its former location in the Cancer Research Institute. While the physician is there from 8:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M., the clinic's hours are from 8 A.M., to 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday. Employees who cannot come during those hours can go to the observation unit, also on Deaconess 2, which is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Employees become acquainted with the health clinic as soon as they are hired by the Deaconess. One of the benefits is a pre-employment physical in which a blood test, urinalysis, skin test for tuberculosis, chest X-ray, and immunization against smallpox, tetanus and diphtheria are included.

"I do six to twelve pre-employment physicals a day," says Dr. Fouad Z. Hamawy, internal medicine, who has been the health center physician for the past five years. "Every employee is screened for all physical and emotional problems."

After this initial meeting employees are free to use the clinic as often as is needed.

"We see 50 to 80 patients a day, rarely below 40. The number of patients has almost doubled over the past two years," reported Dr. Hamawy.

He tries to see everyone himself. If treatment is needed for skin, eye, bone, and other specialized areas, he refers the employee to a specialist on the Deaconess staff where the employee's first visit is free . . . another employee benefit.

Although Dr. Hamawy is at the clinic only in the morning, he is available all day if needed. Either he will return to the clinic or the employee is sent to his office in the Medical Office Building, where Dr. Hamawy has his private practice.

Dr. Hamawy received his M.D. from Cairo University, Egypt. He practiced in Egypt until 1964 when he came to Boston with his family. In the United States he had to repeat his internship and residency. In 1968 he resumed his practice, joined the Deaconess staff and later the health clinic.

In addition to Dr. Hamawy the health clinic is staffed by Mrs. Selma Beshansky, receptionist, Mrs. Karen Bithell, R.N., Mrs. Ruth Prinz, R.N., Mrs. Anne Pariselli, R.N., and Mrs. Margaret McLean, R.N., health coordinator.

Mrs. Beshansky along with her duties keeps the lines to the examining rooms moving. Mrs. Bithell, a Deaconess graduate, has been at the hospital for seven years and was a nurse in the observation unit before joining the health center staff. Mrs. Prinz, also a Deaconess graduate, has worked at the Deaconess for 16 years, not all of them at the clinic. Mrs. Pariselli, a graduate of Eastern Maine General School of Nursing, joined the Deaconess five years ago and has been at the health clinic ever since.

As health coordinator some of Mrs. McLean's responsibilities include administering the student and employee health programs and interpreting these programs to hospital personnel. She investigates accident claims and teaches public health nursing at the NEDH School of Nursing.

Mrs. McLean went to the Boston City Hospital School of Nursing and received her B.S. in public health from Simmons College, and her Ed.M. in guidance and counseling from Boston University.

The Deaconess employee meets a well-trained staff when visiting the health clinic.

The clinic started in 1948 with one part-time nurse. The employee health center officially opened in 1950 on Palmer 2. Nine years later the clinic "temporarily" moved to the Cancer Research Institute. In 1974 it is on Deaconess 2. From 1,515 patients in 1948, the number of visitors has increased to over 13,500 in 1974.

The types of maladies that bring employees to the clinic range from the flu to an occasional tropical disease caught on a wanderlust vacation.

The clinic cares for employees suffering from acute and chronic illness and accidents that have occurred on or off the job. It also serves as a counseling and referral center for advice on family planning, marriage, and adoption.

The clinic gives flu injections, tetanus shots, immunization vaccines, allergy injections, and blood tests for marriage licenses. Employees may have eye, rectal, pelvic, and breast examinations, and any lab test or any X-rays that are needed. Physicals are given to employees for travel and college admissions, and to pensioners and retirees. The clinic makes referrals to other clinics — podiatry, dental, and surgical. It's all in a day's work.

Annual physicals are offered to all employees. Department heads may have their entire department personnel examined yearly by picking up the telephone and making an appointment.

Employees who have been absent from work due to illness should report to the health clinic whether they have been sick one day or one week. The clinic will examine the employee to determine if he should return to work. More rest may be needed to clear up an infection and prevent the employee from infecting co-workers and patients.

All records are confidential and an employee may be referred to an outside clinic to further insure privacy.

All of these services are done without charge and for the benefit of the employee.

"Employees keep coming all day to the clinic," says Dr. Hamawy. "I want them to come. They can come every day if they need to because we like to treat them. That is what we are here for. We are here to help."

Mrs. Sofia Ramirez, nursing aide on Farr 7, prepares snacks for the patients.

Mrs. Sofia Ramirez becomes U.S. citizen

Mrs. Sofia Ramirez, nursing aide on Farr 7, became a United States citizen recently. Originally from Iconozo Tolima, a small city in Colombia, South America, Mrs. Ramirez came to this country eleven years ago, immediately settling in Boston.

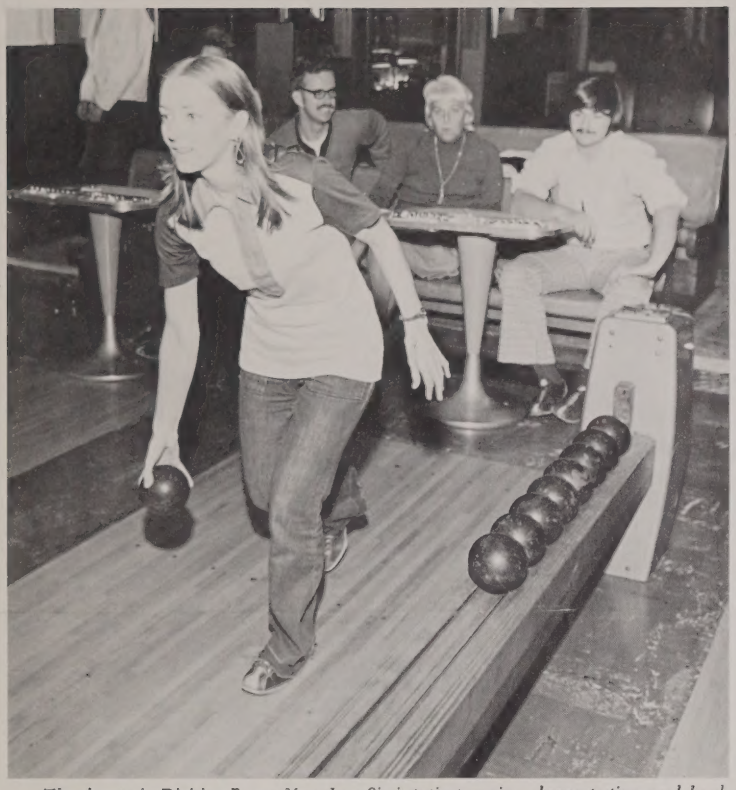
Although the rest of her family is in Columbia, she has one sister who lives in Boston and her husband is expected to arrive here within the next few months.

"I like Boston because it is like my old country. Nothing is different here but the language," says Mrs. Ramirez.

Mrs. Ramirez speaks excellent English, which she had learned at a former job at the KLH Research and Development Corporation. She continues improving the language by attending the "English as a Second Language" course offered by the Deaconess.

At the Deaconess for only four months, she is popular among staff and patients on Farr 7, always offering a smile and a helping hand.

"I'm pretty happy at the hospital because I'm learning English and I get a chance to do something for others," said Mrs. Ramirez.



The champs in Division B are: Mary Jane Simi, patient services, demonstrating good bowling form, and (seated in the background, l.-r.) David Colleran, mail and messenger service, Mary Trumble, external resources, and Bob Simi, administrative services.

Bowling strikes and spares

It was strike night at the Boylston Bowladrome on a February Thursday as the Deaconess bowlers passed the halfway mark in the bowling season.

Jim Dillahunt and Mike Foley, building services, bowled strike after strike, putting their team in first place in Division A. Teammates Lem and Lott Murrell, building services, also gave support in the strike competition.

"We're going to be number one," said Mary Jane Simi, patient services, as her team took the lead in Division B.

"Maintenance is the team to beat," countered Tim Trumble. Although his team is already in first place in Division C, he added that the team could do even better with the help of June Forbes, who has been absent due to illness. Other teammates from the maintenance department are Joe Smith, Jay McCormick, and Fred Coderre.

The season so far has been a good one with bright spirits and a high attendance record. With little more than a month left to play, the Deaconess bowlers are looking forward to the banquet at the end of the year when trophies will be awarded and highlights of the year shared.

School of nursing . . .

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ity of faculty and students desired and to maintain this reputation.

The new building will have seven levels. The top four floors will be dormitories. A larger library and more adequate faculty offices and classrooms will occupy the other floors. The Harris Hall site can then be considered for alternative uses related directly to the main patient care of the hospital.

Initial funding has come from a grant of 2.5 million dollars from the Frederick J. Kennedy Foundation. On January 22, 1974 the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees approved the expenditure of necessary funds for architectural plans, and other construction funds will be raised from private donors and outside sources.

Groundbreaking is expected to take place in the spring of 1975. The first class admitted to the new school will be in 1976.

In answer to inquiries regarding the articles "Who Cares"? in the January issue and "People Who Need People" in the February issue, they have been written by Mrs. M. Eleanor Clapp, Assistant to the Executive Vice President.

Mrs. Clapp, after ten years as secretary to Mr. R. D. Lowry, was promoted last year to her present position. Since that time she has edited Pulse copy and will from time to time also be a contributing writer.

Doctors doings...

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at the American Society of Hematology on December 4 in Chicago.

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Dr. Anthony J. Piro and **Dr. Samuel Hellman,** radiology, published the article "Laparotomy Alters Therapy in Hodgkin's Disease" in the 1973 issue of *National Cancer Institute Monograph* 36.

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Dr. David Steinberg, hematology and internal medicine, published the article "Disseminated Intravascular Coagulation" in the October 1973 issue of the *American Journal of Medical Technology*. He was elected to the American College of Physicians in November.

Employees in action . . .

Mr. Edmund B. Beyer, administrative assistant, attended the College Entrance Examination Board Need Analysis Workshop held at Boston City Hospital on January 28.

Mr. William E. Branson, manager of patient service, was elected treasurer of the Massachusetts Association of Patient Account Managers/American Guild of Patient Account Managers for 1974.

Mrs. Janie G. Chapman, Assistant Director of the School of Nursing, and **Miss Anne Howard,** Counselor of the School, were present at the meeting "Financial Aid — Nursing Student Loans and Scholarships" sponsored by the Nursing Education Recruitment Organization in Worcester on January 17.

In attendance at the First New England Recovery Room Seminar, held November 30-December 1 in Boston, were **Miss Birdie Hanson,** R.N., nursing supervisor, **Miss Carol Keyes,** R.N., head nurse on I.C.U., and **Miss Marilyn Scannell,** R.N., I.C.U.

Attending an ICDA Coding Institute at the Hotel Sonesta in Cambridge on November 29-30 were **Mrs. Lena Jordan,** medical records, **Mrs. Arlene Liftik,** administration, **Miss Cheryl Wingerd,** medical records, and **Mrs. Sandra Kwoka,** Northeastern University Co-op student.

Mrs. Mary Sheehan, R.N., chairman of the first year program in the School of Nursing, was present at a meeting on continuing education held by the Massachusetts League for Nursing Council of Member Agencies held January 30 at the Worcester Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, Worcester.

Mrs. Eldora R. Tobey, head nurse on Deaconess 4 North, attended a lecture and group discussion entitled "Psychiatric Units in General Hospitals" at the Bon Secours Hospital, Methuen, on January 23.

Dr. John W. Strieder, thoracic surgery, was honored on November 16 in connection with the Centennial celebration of the Boston University School of Medicine. A day was given in his honor and a symposium was held to discuss early developments in cardiothoracic surgery.

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Dr. Elton Watkins Jr., thoracic surgery, presented three lectures during the month of September. On September 13 he lectured on cancer immunology at the Cancer Immunology Research Unit, University College, University of London. On September 14 he lectured on cancer immunology at the Department of Cancer Immunology of the Royal Marsden Hospital, Sutton, Surrey, England. He gave the lectures "Current Experience with Infusion Chemotherapy of Hepatic Cancer" and "Direct Chemotherapeutic Alteration of Tumor Immunity" at the IVth International Symposium on the Locoregional Treatment of Tumors on September 18-22 in Saint Vincent, Italy.

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Dr. Francis G. Wolfort, plastic surgery, gave a presentation entitled "Interossei Decompression of Acute Crushed Hand" at the American Association of Hand Surgeons in Hollywood, Florida in November. In the November 1973 issue of the *British Journal of Plastic Surgery* he published the article "Superficial Melanoma in Tattoo." He received an award for his exhibit on "Immediate Decompression of the Acutely Crushed Hand" at the American College of Surgeons in Chicago during October.

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Dr. Leonard Zinman, urology, lectured on "Reconstructive Surgery of Urethral Strictures" at the New England Section of the American Urological Association in Whitefield, New Hampshire on October 6. He gave a presentation entitled "Revascularization of the Totally Occluded Renal Artery" at the American Heart Association in Atlantic City on November 16.

Guard dog . . .

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to escort nurses and other employees from the hospital to the Deaconess parking lots and apartments.

The qualified handler will be with the dog at all times and will carry a two-way communications set. The team will be moving constantly and the dog will act only upon the command of the handler.

He is a lovable dog, but well-trained for his job so do not be tempted to reach out and pat him.

Hopefully this increased security will better protect our employees, patients, visitors, and their personal property.

NEDH avoids supply shortages

Old Mother Hubbard
Went to the cupboard
To get her poor dog a bone.
When she got there
The cupboard was bare . . .

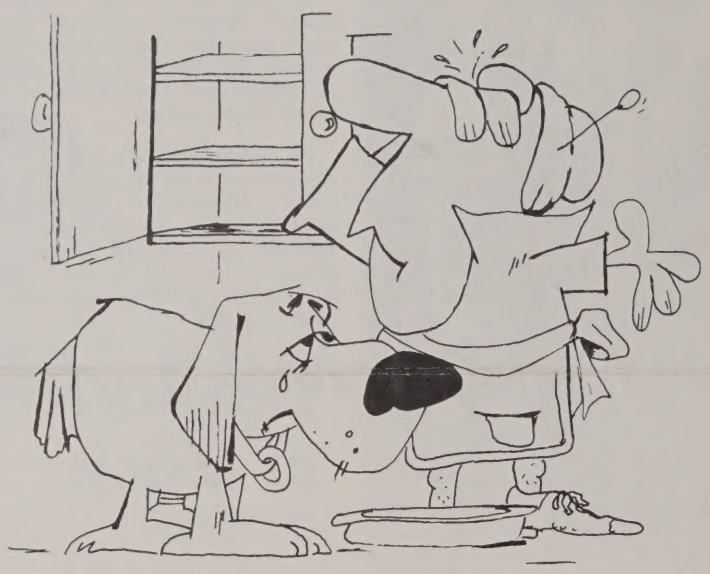
Poor Mother Hubbard was a victim of the supply shortage. To insure that here will be no bare cupboards at the New England Deaconess Hospital, the coordinating committee, Energy and Supply Study, has been formed. Participating in the study are Mr. Richard Andrews, industrial engineer; Mr. Anthony Cavalieri, purchasing services; Mr. Joseph E. Doherty, building services; Miss Charlotte L. Donaldson, dietetics; Mr. Cornelius H. Keating, maintenance and engineering; Mr. Roger G. Peterson, laundry; Miss Marjorie Pond, nursing service; and Mr. Charles F. Schraub, pharmacy services. The committee has been investigating the threat of supply shortages and has good news to report.

Currently all departments are well stocked. There may be some shortages, but not because of the lack of supplies. Delivery is the problem. Supplies are just taking longer to get here. By increasing the lead time in ordering materials, departments can be assured of full shelves.

Mr. Anthony Cavalieri, manager of purchasing services, has been studying national market conditions for the past six months.

He reports, "There's no supply shortage but delivery and lead time are going to be critical because of the scarcity of gasoline. Trucks aren't making as many trips and delivery times are going to be increased considerably."

"There is no need to increase inventories, but hospital employees must be made more aware of what is used," he continued. "Better planning is needed in ordering supplies."



As far as prices go, Mr. Cavalieri feels that there is no control in the market. Prices are going to rise considerably.

Mr. Roger G. Peterson, laundry manager, took no chances with the market and placed his order for 1974 linens very early and is now a year's supply ahead. However, he commented that he is having trouble getting terry toweling and cotton sheets.

"They're available, but extremely high priced — three times what they were a year ago," he said.

"Although washing compounds are hard to get, currently the laundry is not running out of anything," he continued. "We still have everything we need, but deliveries are late."

Problems with delivery are also shared by Mr. Cornelius H. Keating, manager of maintenance and engineering, and Miss Marjorie Pond, coordinator of nursing practice. Both departments have had to use substitute products occasionally. Neither department has had problems yet in keeping their cupboards full.

"We order things a little earlier now because it takes longer for delivery. In the stockroom we increased the minimum amount stored in the bins. But other than that, it's not too bad," commented Mr. Keating.

Miss Pond added that, "The nurses are responding well and have already cut down on the use of paper, electricity, and other supplies whenever possible. Whether there are shortages or not, at least we're saving money."

Mr. Charles Schraub, manager of pharmacy services, has viewed events from a different angle.

"Any shortage we have is not really due to the energy crisis. Things are being used more and you just can't keep up with the demand."

"There's no shortage of disposables for hospitals because we have first crack at it," continued Mr. Schraub. "There's a possibility of a shortage in plastic medical containers and bottles, but that's the only shortage in my department that I can see."

Building services will adjust to a potential supply shortage by cutting back on supply usage.

"We'll use more rigid control over disposables," said Mr. Joseph E. Doherty, manager of building services, "We'll be reusing plastic containers by sending them back to suppliers to be refilled rather than thrown away."

Miss Charlotte L. Donaldson, dietary manager, also anticipates a shortage of disposables. While trying to reduce waste on such items, she has had to revamp sanitation schedules to handle the increased use of china.

"I would appreciate help from all employees to be more economical in their use of disposables on the patient floors and in the kitchens. We should be less indiscriminate in using aluminum foil, saran wrap, and plastic cup holders," she said. "We have got to realize that these things don't fall like manna from the heavens."

Hospital employees can do their part in reducing a potential supply shortage at the Deaconess by conserving in the use of disposables — everything from paper clips to plastic forks — and reordering early when supplies run low, before they run out.

Take a lesson from Mother Hubbard.

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